SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

March 21st, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage"

(**Galatians 5:1**)

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When an individual joins a false Christian congregation, it should be said that the minister behind the pulpit is a minister of *satan* and not of *God*, but I take comfort in this: that Christ's sheep will not continue with those ministers that are robbers and thieves of our Lord's glory, for His sheep have not ears for those who preach the doctrines of men, but rather ever so blessedly, they have ears only for those ministers who preach Christ's words and His doctrine. Remember beloved, God wills His people to be begotten, not with the falsehood of the words of men, but rather by the *Word of Truth,* the *Doctrine of Christ* [James 1:18, 2 John 1:9].—Pastor

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
Sandra Murphy, March 29th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

False Christian / True Christian

"…though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed"

(Galatians 1:8)

The **false Christian** believes that: each person must be as holy as God is holy; and that holiness is achieved by a person's own faithfulness. Faithfulness is doing good and not sinning. If one does not sin and does good deeds then God will accept that person in heaven after death. A person becomes progressively more holy by stopping certain things and beginning to do other things instead. A person can cause themselves through this process to progress in their sanctification or personal holiness, in such a way, that he makes himself to differ, by being in a measure more holy than others. And so, the false Christian, left to himself, believes that Christ saves him only in *part* [1 Corinthians 4:7, Luke 18:11-12].

A **true Christian** believes that: sanctification or holiness is a work of God (The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit) that God alone performs in His elect. This saving work began in eternity, manifests in time, and continues until our Lord's appearing, when His people shall be changed from *corruption* to *incorruption,* from *mortality* to *immortality.* And when God's elect shed their body of death they shall be transformed into the likeness of His Son, revealing the *righteousness* of Christ which was *imputed* to their account and was *imparted* at the moment of regeneration. In regeneration a new man is created, which is Christ formed in the believer, the *"seed"* of God which *"cannot sin"* [1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 John 3:9]. No man will enter heaven if he is not holy, but this holiness is none of man's doing, but rather entirely of God's doing (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Holiness is not achieved by the works of man's obedience, rather it was accomplished by the obedience and finished work of Christ; Christ Himself is the believer's sanctification or holiness. The believer has been sanctified *in* and *by* Christ Jesus and the *man* that has His holiness imputed *to* him and imparted *in* him lacks nothing, having the very *righteousness* of God made his through his union with Christ. God's grace does not produce excuses for sin in a man, but rather His grace produces a desire in a man for a life free from sin, though he presently be in a body of *sin and death* [Romans 8:2]. And so, the true Christian, by God's undeserved grace, believes that Christ is *ALL* his salvation [Psalm 71:16, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Luke 18:13-14, Colossians 3:11]. Amen!—Pastor

Kept By The Power Of God

"…to the…Elect…Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (**1 Peter 1:1, 2, 5**)

Praise the LORD! He keeps us standing fast in the liberty wherewith His Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, hath made us free [Galatians 5:1]. Beloved, He keeps us free from *despairing* because of our *transgressions,* for when we sin—we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (1 John 2:1). He keeps us free from *trusting* and *boasting* in our *filthy rag righteousness,* for *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth* (Romans 10:4). You see beloved, because of His mercy and grace that He has given us in Christ, the LORD keeps us united to His Son alone; for beloved, your yoke is not the *law*, your yoke is not what you *do* or *don't do*—rather believing sinner, Christ is your yoke and He tells you, you that labour and are heavy laden:*"Come unto me… and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"* (Matthew 11:28-30). *O wretched man* [o miserable man] *that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord,* for His Son is the One who shall deliver me [Romans 7:24]. Beloved, we call our deliverer *WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE* (Isaiah 9:6); we call Him *JESUS, SAVIOUR*, for *He shall save His people from their sins* [Matthew 1:21].

Reader, if you believe *not* that the Lord Jesus Christ is *THE GREAT I AM*, if you believe *not* that God's Son is *THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER*, *ye shall die in your sins* [John 8:24].

May God be pleased to ever grant, both the *reader* and the *writer*, *repentance* and *faith*. A *repentance* and *faith* that acknowledges *the truth as it is in JESUS* [Ephesians 4:21, 2 Timothy 2:25, Titus 1:1], a *repentance* and *faith* that cause us to ever cease from going about to establish a righteousness of our own, and that is ever submitted unto the righteousness of God in Christ alone for salvation.

Beloved believing sinner, rest—*wait on the LORD, and He shall save thee* (Proverbs 20:22). Our Lord Jesus tells us, who believe, ever so blessedly *"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life"* (John 6:47), what good news that is! Beloved, it's not *maybe* we have everlasting life, or *perhaps* there's a possibility of having everlasting life when you've done *this* or *that*, oh no! Rather, you who believe on the Son of God, you have, right now, everlasting life; and washed in His *blood* and made His *righteousness* you are found complete in Him [Colossians 2:10]. Amen!— Pastor